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COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>	REPORT NO.	
TOPIC <u>Oranienburg Airfield</u>		25X1A
EVALUATION <u>see below</u>	PLACE OBTAINED	25X1A
DATE OF CONTENT <u>21 November to 15 December 1953</u>		
DATE OBTAINED	DATE PREPARED <u>18 January 1954</u>	
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1. In late November 1953, construction material and equipment were being loaded on railroad cars at Oranienburg airfield. A Soviet truck and two caterpillar tractors without markings left the field. In early December, the fuel dump at the field was ready for acceptance. Source learned from an interpreter that conferences had been held on the construction of an administrative building at the field at the end of November.

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2. Oranienburg airfield was unoccupied up to 15 December. Work on the fuel dump was completed by late November. The fuel containers covered with sod were located in rows of five between the concrete foundations. Source observed a dark flap, about 1 x 1.5 meters, on the containers at the end of each row. These flaps were open at the end of November. On 5 December, Soviet soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets unloaded coal from eight railroad cars on the edge of the woods. On 7 December, 12 cars with coal and 1 car with steel girders were observed at the same place. The coal was being transferred onto truck and hauled in the direction of the Weisse Stadt Settlement. 25X1B

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3. In early December, cables were being laid in the cable ditches and the ditches were again filled at the field.
4. The fuel dump at the field was being surrounded by a wire fence about 1.8 meters high. Prior to 8 December, the fuel dump did not appear to be filled. The two groups of fuel containers next to the spur track were covered by small super structures.
5. On 27 November, 1 boxcar with personnel and 4 closed boxcars, each loaded with 9 tons, left the airfield and proceeded toward Dresden-Klotzsche. On 9 November, 1 boxcar with air force personnel and 3 flatcars with sideracks,

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including one loaded with a truck [redacted] and 2 tractors with ploughs left the field. About noon on 7 December, 3 boxcars with air force soldiers, 4 closed boxcars and 1 flatcar with sideracks loaded with 2 sedans arrived at the field, coming from Rostock. 2

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6. On 4 December, no aircraft were parked at the field. From 30 to 40 workers were employed there. Several heaps of debris were seen on both sides of the runway. Five railroad cars, including one loaded with a concrete mixer, were observed on the spur track. 1

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1. [redacted] Comment. Construction work at Oranienburg airfield has been completed. However, no preparations for an expected occupation has been observed so far.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The shipments observed on 27 and 29 November 1953 probably carried personnel and equipment of the Soviet construction staff, Leipzig, to the motor vehicle distribution point in Dresden-Klotzsche. The shipment observed on 7 December has not been identified. It possibly carried a detail which had temporarily worked on an auxiliary airfield, possibly at Buchholz.

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